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EXPERIENCE

■ ART: Three-day show

Pelham Art

Festival opens

A Mother's Day weekend tradition continues today with the opening of the 26th annual Pelham Art Festival. The three-day art show at the Pelham

Arena opens at 7 p.m. with the gala evening. It includes live entertainment, light

buffet and cash bar.
Admission is \$8 or \$10 for a weekend

pass.

The festival with more than 65 artists displaying works for show and sale in a wide variety of media continues Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Single day admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$5. In addition to the arts display it

includes live entertainment and food from the Salvador Deli.

Proceeds from the festival go to the

Pelham Public Library and community art projects.



■ BRUCE MACRITCHIE: Welland Aero Centre hopes to offer diploma course

'Like a magic carpet'



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Welland Aero Centre president Bruce MacRitchie hopes to start a partnership with Niagara College to offer

■ COUNCIL

Water meter conversion story a hit

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

The town's water meter conversion story is so good, staff are

taking it on the road.

This week they will tell it to the
Ontario Water Works Association

convention in Niagara Falls.

Treasurer Cari Pupo, in a report to town council Monday, reviewed the conversion from hand-written cards of readings on old meters to radio frequency automatic meter

reading technology.

As a result, she said the town has improved customer service, changed billings to every two months from four, and reduced

water loss to 8% from over 20%.
"Complaints have all but disappeared since the new meter program has been completed," she

said.

"Residents are receiving accurate, timely billings and exceptional customer service as a result of the

customer service as a result of the meter equipment capabilities."

The project to replace 3,100 meters began in 2010 with the last of the commercial replacements

done in early 2012. see COUNCIL | page 2

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diploma courses to students who receive their commercial pilot training. For the story, see Page 6

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COUNCIL

Pelham story featured at water works convention

Under the old system, it would take 15 days for a contractor to physically walk up to homes to read meters, jot information down on carde and submit the cards to town hall. There staff would input the information on the cards into a computer.

At homes without outdoor meters, vellow cards were left for the homeowner to fill out. They had to be returned to town hall. If they weren't, the

water bill was estimated from previous

hille Under the new

system. town staff can read radio freanencs meters with a hand-held device in one

day. It automatically enters information into the system's The equipment can also

detect leaks, backflow, tampering and log data. By using mass voice calling, town staff can alert homeowners to such problems as

Pupo said the town has moved to pro-active customer service from reactive

response to complaints. "The most recent billing identified potential leaks in 45 homes," she said.

"These residents were contacted by mass voice calling providing them with information on how to check for the leak and where to obtain

more information. Of the 45 homes, 15 customers called town hall to say

thanks. Mass voice calling - something Pupo said she picked up on when she received a call from her daughter's school - has become a tool for the town. It's used to alert residents

to problems and remind them of unpaid bills. The calls have reduced postage costs and encouraged payments. The town has made e-billing available for water bill

The conversion program to new meters uncovered unknown problems, said

Installers from Neptune Technology Group found meters that were never billed, were altered or were bypassed.

This included 100,000 cubic metres worth of usage that was not billed which equates to over \$120,000 worth of revenues," she said.

The project's success has been reported in Neptune's in-house magazine and in Environmental Science and Engineering Magazine. Town councillors congratulated staff for the success of

the conversion Ward 1 Coun. Richard



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Terry Mikolasek Wheelchair Accessible

Community and infrastructure services director Al Mannell, centre, receives a certificate marking his 25 years of service to the Town of Pelham from Ward 2 Coun. Catherine King and Mayor Dave Augustyn during Monday night's town council meeting. Mannell was recently appointed director after serving as acting director and engineering manager. He is the 21st member of the 25-year club since the recognition was created. Some earlier members have retired.

Rybiak said he hopes it will eventually lead to lower

water loss should influence water rates in the 2013 water

the reduction of the 20%

He also thanked homeowners for their co-operation, which made the installation process smooth and

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■ FOOD: Ivor McCarthy officially opens ninth season of Pelham Farmers Market

Lifelong farmer gets things started

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

As a farmer, Ivor McCarthy has spent a lifetime at farmers markets. In 1915, when he was 16, he remembers his first

drive to one in Niagara Falls from his family farm on Lakeshore Dr. in Niagaraon-the-Lake

"I had a Model-T Ford." he said about carrying produce in it. McCarthy, 96, who now

lives in Fenwick on Balfour St., has grown a wide variety

"Whatever was selling at the time," he said Last week, while Anne Durst of Bry-Anne Farms and Fred Arbour of Klager's

Meats held the ends. McCarthy used a scythe to cut through a burlap ribbon to officially open the 2012 Pelham Farmers Market.

This is the ninth year for what has become a nonular market When it began, the eve-

ning format was considered unusual. Most farmers markets are in the morning. The evening hours were

to serve Pelham's commuting residents as well as local farmers. They also sell at morning farmers markets in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and St Catharines The format has proven

so successful, said Bey Yungblut, that the market was listed by residents on a recent Pelham heritage survey as a valuable highlight of life in the town

The farmers market plans a series of special events over the next few weeks to draw people during the early growing season period.

For the opening day, it handed out cloth Pelham Farmers Market bags to shoppers and held a draw for Pelham Cares

Yesterday it featured a fundraiser and information session for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

It gave out flowers to each mother for Mother's Day The Fenwick Lions Club tied into the diabetes event. It held a flower sale for one of its major charities. Camp Huronia, a summer camp for children with type 1

diabetes.

"We are raising \$150,000 for a learning centre at the camp," said Fenwick Lion Alan Beamer, who is the Lions provincial diabetes

Next week the farmers market becomes the site for the start of the 8th annual Mayor's Walk, It starts at 6 p.m. to promote the use of trails in the town. The event will include prizes and draws

The Pelham Active Transportation Committee will sponsor the walk and have a display to outline its program at the market. It promotes walking and cycling through activities such as the Pelham Walking Club, which has a series of walks from the Fonthill bandshell, Pelham Arena and Fenwick's Maple Acre library, Schedule is on the town's website, www. pelham.ca.

Other events coming to the farmers market include: . A Kids Can Grow day on May 24. Children will receive pumpkin seeds and instruction on how to grow them at home. Later in the season they will be invited

pumpkins they produce.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Veteran farmer Ivor McCarthy, 96, slashes through a ribbon of burlap with a scythe to officially open the 2012 season of Pelham Farmers Market Thursday, The 4:30 p.m. to dusk Thursday evening market runs until Oct. 25 at the Pelham

June 21, the farmers market

will share the Pelham Town

Square with the Fonthill

Bandshell Thursday Night

Concert series. It runs to the

Sept. 6. Those attending the

concerts shop at the market.

Municipal Building parking lot in Fonthill. · Weaver's Guild display on Oct.25 and demonstration on May Starting on Thursday,

· 2nd annual Pelham Summerfest on July 19. · Tasty salsa contest on

Sept. 13. · Fire prevention display on Oct. 11. · Fall harvest festival on

back for a weigh-in of the Oct. 18 · Final day of the season

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ON THE MARKET The Pelham Farmers Market has 21 vendors for the 2012

Roxanna Bowman of Bow-Ridge Farms, plants, herbs, apples,

· Bev Yungblut, Greenview Farms - Juice of Kings, bottle grape juice, grapes in season.

 John Kukoly Fruit Farm, cherries, plums, apples, pears. grapes, vegetables.

· Nicola Colangelo, Colangelo Farms, seasonal fruit and veg-

 Howell Family, baked goods, strawberries, sweet corn. . Beverly Langley, Harkwood Farms, fruit, jams, vegetables,

honey, soap, crafts, candles. Fred Arbour, Klager's Meat and Produce, barbecued burgers.

sausage, bacon, wieners. Pete Muileboom, Muileboom Greenhouses, tomatoes, seed-

less cukes.

. Dave Honey, Honey Valley Farms, grapes, juice, jam, fruit, · Alison Heinrick, Alison's Creations, baked goods, handmade

. Aafke Bokma, The Flower Man, cut flowers and potted plants.

· Beth Secord, Mathias Farms, sweet cherries, raspberries, plums, pears. . Beamer Greenhouses, vege and flower plants, planters and

· William Van Vliet, Upper's Lane Acres, snap peas, lettuce,

leeks, garlic hot peppers.

. Dan and Leo DeVries, DeVries Fruit Farm, peaches, apples, pears and nectarines.

. Kevin Echlin, The Smokin Buddha, international dips, sauces, samosa, anteiitos

 Bryan and Anne Durst, Bry-Anne Farms, strawberries, raspberries, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, squash, pumpkins,

 Rachel Haymes, Natures Corner Bakery/Cafe, artisan breads, pies, baked goods, organic fair trade coffee.

· Richard Harvey, Harvey's Honey, honey, beeswax, candles, comb honey, soaps.

. Jean Molloy, Chocolate Expressions, chocolate products from fruit and wine of Niagara.

· Pauline Shriner, Shriner's Creek Kettle Corn, 14 kettle corn, four carmel corn.

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Airport idea can fly

Bruce MacRitchie, who runs a flight training program at the Niagara Central Airport, wants to tie it to Niagara

College.
It's an idea with wings.

For his business it makes sense. It will increase its stability. For Pelham, it makes even more sense.

The airport is an asset.
"For us to stay in the business and hope to be able to ratin pilots in the commercial corporate and airline field, we believe the writing is on the wall. We are going to have to have a college program to be able to continue with what we've been successful in doing over the years," he said in an

In doing over the years, so sead in an interview with reporter Allan Benner.

What we have here is a respected college, an underutilized airport, my company that's been here for 30-plus years, we have all the approvads from Transport Canada, from the Ontario College's Act, we have the trained people, the airplanes and the ability to expand to be able to do whatever we need to do."

be able to do whatever we need to do." He said the mayors of the four communities the airport borders are supportive. Pelham, Welland, Port Colborne and

Wainfleet should be. The airport has the potential to fly us fino the future. It's always had a flight training role ever since it was built as part of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan during the Second World War. It turned out fighter and bomber crews.

After the war, Pelham's Flying Housewife, Dorothy Rungeling became the first female to qualify as a commercial flying instructor in the 1950s. Her fame and energy saved the airport then. And for more than 30 years MacRitchie has started military, commercial and

recreational pilots on their way.

An evolution into a college aviation program seems a natural, it would raise the profile of the airport and attract the improvements it needs.

comment

Food issues in Niagara

Several food related issues have come up at the Niagara Region and, while they are separate issues, they are certainly connected

issues, they are certainly connecte to each other. The first food item came up at the Public Health and Social Services Committee when we received the 2011 Nutritious Food

Basket report.
Former columns have been devoted to this topic as public health staff regularly review prices at a number of food stores to determine the cost of providing nutritious food for a family of four and other household

configurations.

Costs rose \$12.12 for a family of four from the comparable 2010 figures. That is a cost of \$18.02 which is slightly higher than the provincial average of \$177.38.

Committee passed a motion requesting the chair of the Board of Health write to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request the province to develop a comprehensive Omatrio food and



Brian Baty REGIONAL COUNCIL VIEW

Cost is not the only factor with food. The nutritious value of the food purchased must be taken into

account as well.

At the broadest level, a food
policy should examine the
fundamental economic barriers
related to adequate incomes and
the understanding that the two
basics of survival: housing and
food should not have to compete
with each other for limited funds.

There also needs to be a coordinated ability of growers to grow, distribute and sell their produce in an effective and efficient agri-food system.

This is where another committee, the Integrated Community Planning Committee, developed a Local Food Action Plan in September 2009 and a Greater Horseshoe Agriculture and Farming Plan in September 2011 through the Agricultural Task Force

committee.

Poverty has been an ongoing item of discussion around our committee tables and a report called "Poverty and Healthy Eating" was tabled in February.

2010. While I often provide columns in support of the great work done by our staff in each of our eight Long-Term Care facilities, I marvel at their ability to provide a varied and nutritious diet to our residents for

the meager provincial allocation of \$7.52 per day! That includes three meals, snacks, beverages and supplements. Try to determine your own daily budget for all these items and see how close you can

come to the \$7.52 limit.
Finally, I wish to credit our
Regional Chair Gary Burroughs,
Coun. Ronna Katzman, Coun.
Henry D'Angela and his daughter
for registering with a local food
bank to get a better understanding
of the workings of our food banks
and the Incredible stresson

that come with planning a food schedule for a long period of time

with very limited resources.

They have pledged to completely adjust their food consumption for a period of time to better understand the challenges faced by the folks who require the use of food banks.

No Tim Horton's coffee stops, no burger stops, no pizza ordered in; they will only eat what they get from the sbelves at the food bank! They plan to communicate with the public about their findings and I will share their insichts in

a future column. That way, we may be better able to obtain a more generous response from our citizens to contribute when a call goes out from our food banks including Pelham Cares.

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We want your input about new hospital

ast Thursday, Dr. Kevin Smith, the provincially-appointed supervisor of the Niagara Health System (NHS), presented an interim report regarding restructuring of the Niagara Health

Smith's 23 recommendations ranged from undertaking a national search to recruit a chief executive officer and a chief of staff, to establishing a patient advisory committee to ensure patient-centred care, to re-establishing the board of directors with "skills

based" members.

Several of his recommendations deal with facilities. Smith recommended that in addition to the St. Catharines site currently under construction, the NHS should construct a new general acute care hospital as well as a free standing urgent care centre in "South Niagara" and close the existing facilities in Port Colborne, Fort Eric, Niagara Falls, Welland, and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Smith



Dave Augustyn MAYORAI VIFW

estimated that this preferred option would cost \$879 million in capital, but would "save" \$9.5 million in annual operating expenses (on annual budget of \$410 million).

He also showed that a revitalized status quo—three acute care and ER sites (GNGH, St. Catharines, Welland), three complex care sites (NOTL, Fort Erie, Port Colborne) and two urgent care centres (Fort and Port) – would cost \$883 million in capital upgrades and "save" only \$2 million in more efficient opperations.

The hybrid option — two acute care and ER sites (GNGH, St. Catharines), one ambulatory and urgent care centre (Welland) and two complex care sites (Fort and Port) — would cost \$1,165 million

in upgrades and "save" \$2.8 million in operations. Smith stated that the

consolidation in his preferred option leads to a "critical mass of clinical activity", simplifies physician and staff coverage, and better attracts health-care "learners".

Finally, he recommended that the "Mayors of the 'Southern Tier' with input from the Regional Chair" recommend to him the locations for the new hospital and the stand-alone Urgent Care Centre

in the "South".

He suggested that "population density and access" be the primary considerations in our recommendation, (Please see www.niagarahealth.on.ca/ supervisor for your copy of the

report.)
While I look forward to working with my mayoral colleagues, I want to hear directly from you regarding this matter. (I will also seek input from town councillors at our May 22 meeting.)

What additional criteria do you think should be considered in our

mayoral recommendation?
Should we include other costs
like the impact on the regional
EMS program, costs for new
transportation infrastructure, or
costs for water and waste water
servicine enhancements?

What about the impact on communities, or travel times for visitors, or the impact on allied health professionals (specialists, pharmacies)?
What is the priority or ranking of

these criteria?

Are there other considerations?

I am very interested in hearing

your views; please e-mail me directly at mayordave@pelham. ca or leave a message for me at Pelham Town Hall. You can also e-mail Smith directly with your suggestions at nhssupervisor@ gmail.com.

You may read Mayor Dave Augustyn's past columns at www. pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

COLUMN

Red hot market in April



esidential home sales in Pelham for the month of April spiked 82% above last year's

According to the MLS statistics of the Niagara Association of Realtors there were 20 residential sales reported in Pelham compared to April 2011's total of

Sales of higher end inventory are on the rise skewing our local monthly average price to

disproportionately high levels. Thirteen of the properties that sold (65%) achieved a sale price of more than \$300,000 resulting in an average sale price for the month of \$350,750. Last April the average

price of homes sold was \$327,081. In the longer term perspective the local market in now beginning to out pace 2011 activity levels. At 60 transactions year-to-date, activity levels are trending 13% above the 53 sales recorded during the same time frame last year.

The average number of days on the market for year-to-date sales is 89 - a marked improvement from last year's figure of 107. The 12 month average price as of April 30, stands at \$319,315 up 1.65% from

\$314.126 at April 2011 month end. April was a banner month across Niagara with region wide sales increasing 11.2% compared to the same month last year. The average price for the month of \$230,017

remained virtually at par with the \$230,033 recorded in April 2011. The average number of days it took to sell a Niagara home during the month of April fell from 63 days to 59.

The monthly results in our neighbouring City of Welland remained consistant with

last year's activity levels as 71 residential sales were reported the exact same tally as April 2011. With 255 sales recorded yearto-date, market results in the Rose City are 3.2% ahead of last year. The 12 month average price of

\$181,567 is 1.6% higher than last April's figure of \$178,626 Cathy Berkhout-Bosse is a Real Estate Broker and Communication Strategist living in Pelham. You may read past columns at www. NiagaraRealtySourceReport.com

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Teaching pilots to spread their wings

ALLAN BENNER PelhamNEWS Staff

It was Bruce MacRitchie's older brother who inspired his love for flying

Douglas MacRitchie, who was 10 years older then Bruce. earned his wings as an aircraft mechanic working with the Royal Canadian Air Force. "He infected me with the

bug," MacRitchie said That was 57 years ago, and Bruce MacRitchie hasn't looked down since. He's since spent more than 8,000 hours in the cockpits of numerous planes and heliconters.

In 1980, Douglas died in a plane crash in Lake Ontario. while he was flying his plane to

"He was coming down to help me work on a restoration project," MacRitchie recalled. The loss of his brother didn't diminish MacRitchie's love for the sky. He climbed into his own plane the next day to join the search for his brother's downed plane

"My daughter asked me,

knowing he died in his air plane yesterday?' I said, 'I'd get into a car if he had a car accident. What's the difference?"

MacRitchie instead took steps to ensure his brother's memory would live on. As a director of the War Plane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. MacRitchie established an award in Douglas' memory for a volunteer in the maintenance restoration program. He also set up an bursary award for students at Centennial College in Toronto. That award has been handed out annually

for more than 30 years. "To me, aviation is like a magic carpet. Even now, I fly along and say, 'You lucky son of a gun.' Here you are sitting there, looking down at the

world. It's fantastic. As the president of the Welland Aero Center, MacRitchie bas dedicated much of his career to trying to pass that bug on to other new pilots, infecting them with a ove of flying

MacRitchie said the Welland

Aero Centre has trained about 600 pilots over the years and many have gone on to successful careers of their own. Bill Chernish, who earned his

licence in 1980, earned the rank of captain with Airtran Airways in 2004;. Allan Lees, who earned his wings in 1985 and spent several years as an instructor at the Welland Areo Centre is now a captain with Air Canada: Mike Pupo, who only started his pilot training in 1996, was hired as a first officer with Jazz Airlines a little more than a year ago; and

Larry Golja, who was only 15 years old when he first walked through the doors of the Niagara Central Airport, is now a fighter pilot, flying CF-18 Hornets for the Canadian Armed Forces

Now MacRitchie hopes to infect many more people with that bug, pointing out in the vears to come, the world is going to need a lot of qualified pilots. Boeing estimates that in the next 20 years, the world's airlines will need nearly 500,000 pilots.

"What they are looking for is pilots who come out of a threeor four-year degree course, or a diploma program which is a

two-year diploma." MacRitchie hopes to partner with Niagara College to make that happen. He has a meeting set up with the college this week to discuss the possibility.

We have the trained people. the airplanes and the ability to expand to be able to do whatever we need to do."

Bruce MacRitchie

"For us to stay in the business and hope to be able to train pilots in the commercial corporate and airline field, we believe the writing is on the wall. We are going to have to have a college program to be able to continue with what we've been successful in doing

over the years," he said. "What we have here is a respected college, an underutilized airport, my company that's been here for 30-plus years, we have all the approvals from Transport Canada. from the Ontario College's Act, we have the trained people, the airplanes and the ability to expand to be able to do what-

ever we need to do."

He said the mayors of the four communities the airport borders are supportive of the initiative and Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe, a retired Niagara College administrator, helped arrange the meeting with the Although a university pro-

gram might be preferable in many industries. MacRitchie said that's not the case with pilots. A pilot who graduates from a four-year university program is ready to enter the iob market with a commercial pilot's licence. A pilot who graduates from a two-year college course graduates with the same licence, but then they can spend the next two years working for a small flight school or carrying skydivers

into the air By the time the university student graduates, he said the college graduate will already have 1,200 hours of flight time

to their credit, a big advantage in the industry. To be an airline transport pilot you need a total of 1,500

MacRitchie said Graham Wilson, the Welland Aero Center's current flight instructor, is getting paid while earning more than 500 hours of

flight time a year. "In a couple years, combined with what he had when he graduated from college, he'll be really close to being able to write his airline licence and, a short time after that, he'll be able to be truly employable at that level " he said

"In my business, we say, 'Welcome aboard. When are you leaving?' because we know that they're just here to fill their logbook, make a buck and go to the next journeymen-type operation."





flank Grade 5 student Pooja Senthil holding the Glynn A. Green science trophy. This was the second year the school held a science fair. The three brought back prizes from the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair.



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Dress code meeting far from uniform in views

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND - A lack of uniform opinion generated a lively three-hour exchange on the future of an elementary school dress code last wook

In the eighth and last public meeting at Notre Dame College School about 150 people listened as Niagara Catholic District School Board staff outlined a proposal to bring a standardize dress style to elementary schools across the

For about an hour, director of education John Crocco and superintendent of education Frank Inannantuono

presented an outlined of the draft proposal

They touched on the tradition of uniforms in Catholic schools, a sense of equality they generate, the difference between high school uniforms and a standardized dress code for elementary schools, costs at other school boards, and use of

T-shirts and other "spirit ware" in many elementary schools Crocco also played videos of high school students talking about uniforms and elementary students about

"spirit ware. Then for two hours parents from Welland and Pelham elementary schools. in the Notre Dame family of schools, questioned, opposed or supported the

While students at all eight Niagara Catholic high schools wear uniforms. elementary school students have followed a dress code guiding a variety of clothing

The suggested change would put junior kindergarten to Grade 8 students in standardize dress. They would be less elaborate than those of high school students and they would be

consistent across the board. Hamilton Catholic School Board has students dressed in blue and white.

Crocco stressed that it is just a proposal. The eight meetings were designed to draw opinions and suggestions. He and his staff will present a report to the Catholic school board in

If accepted, the new dress code would go into effect in September 2013. Currently, only Hamilton

and Toronto Catholic school boards in Ontario have uniforms in elementary schools A St. Ann parent, Sarah

Van Der Lee of Fenwick. questioned why this was not put to a vote by parents as a similar suggestion for uniforms was in 2006. That one was roundly defeated in most schools.

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These four students, front from left, Lucas Bishop and Kate Bishop with Elise Cardamone, left, and Vanessa Lefebyre in

back, model styles of elementary school uniforms at Notre Dame College School Wednesday. They have been at all eight public meetings held by the Niagara Catholic District School Board for elementary school parents.





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Eighth meeting stirs up more concerns

Citing figures from the Niagara Region's Niagara Prosperity Initiative, she said many Niagara families fall below the poverty line. She drew applause when she said this was no time to

switch to uniforms A St. Alexander parent Rosemary Herr has a special

needs child. She said it will cause distress getting her daughter ready for school on a dayto-day basis. Her daughter likes to choose her own clothes to fit her mood.

"This is not a battle this parent chooses to fight,' she said about forcing he daughter into a uniform. A St. Augustine parent called the board's presenta-

tion one-sided. "A lot of people are unhappy with this, will the squeaky wheel get the grease?" he asked about whether the report will

reflect concerns Melissa Heil has three of her

provision

She was in favour of uniforms. It would save her money and limit fuss over what children want to wear.

Many people in favour of uniforms weren't at the meeting because they thought it was a "done deal, she said.

I felt like I've been sold a used car. I don't see why all this is happening, we already have a dress

code" Cathy Ryan narent

The parent of three Holy Name children said the evening was turning into "a Jerry Springer show "We should put some

faith in the trustees" to make an informed decision. People should make their

Lynnette Gillies, chair of St. Ann parent council, said the school community raised money for its spirit ware so everyone could afford it. The uniform debate was driving a wedge

into the community. Monique Mastroianni, an Alexander Kuska parent, said her young daughter had experience wearing uniforms at Maple Crest

School and she liked it. The design she said should be kept simple and able to take wear and tear.

Meredith Fuller of St. Ann commenting on clothes shown by student models during the evening said "they do not lend themselves to rough and tough

While the board may say the dress code will be a barrier to attendance, families that cannot come up with the money will be too proud to ask for help and move to another board.

get help from the school

A St. Alexander mother Cathy Ryan questioned why the suggestion is

even being made. "I felt like I've been sold a used car." she said. "I don't see why all

this is hap-

pening, we already have a dress code." A St. Kevin father thought there was better ways to spend the school board's money than have senior staff sitting around in a room vetting opinions on uniforms.

Lana Read of Holy Name said she came to the meeting against the idea now she was 100% in favour of it.

Gerald Cote, "with four kids at Alexander Kuska" suggested bringing it in stages by grades rather than putting it on a family all at once

Crocco, looking back on the eight meetings, said the Notre Dame gathering saw more concerns brought out than some of the others. It had a more questions

about the policies and about what was presented. He said each of the eight meetings was unique to the communities that they

"We are getting some very good recommendations." He said there will be

modifications to the draft proposal. A staff committee going over the many recommendations received from the

eight meetings and other A final report will go the board in June

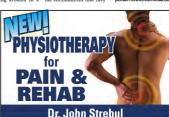
Crocco said will be up to the eight trustees to make the final decision on a standardize dress code







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Anti-poverty roundtable seeks wealth of tips

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND — Strategies to fight the war on poverty will be on the roundtable at a May 16 meeting later this

month.

On Wednesday, May 16, Michael Skaljin, executive director of the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, will speak to the recently formed Community about techniques the ISARC has developed. The 7 p.m. meeting at Central United Church's Fellowship Hall is

open to anyone interested in the effects of poverty on people in Welland and on the community.

ISARC is a provincial network of faith groups working together for greater social

Justice.

The coalition tries to contribute to new public policies based on justice and dignity for Ontarians marginalized by poverty. It's built on the common believe among all faiths of we have duty to help our neighbours.

Before the Ontario budget came down, ISARC organized Prayers for Prosperity, an interfaith vigil at Queen's Park to put the spotlight on

poverty.

During the 2011 provincial election, ISARC co-ordinated an information campaign called "Vote for a Poverty-Free Ontario" with its own

version of election signs.
Community legal worker
Mary Beth Anger Sheffield,
who is with Community
Roundtable on Poverty, said
Welland and Niagara is facing
a growing poverty problem
fed by job loses and more
than 25 years of underfunding to those on disability,
social services and other supsocial services and other sup-

port programs.

Rates for those on welfare and disability are just getting back to where they were 20 years ago, she said.

were 20 years ago, she said. Meanwhile, inflation has steadily increased the cost of everything frustrating those on low incomes. "We have to find ways to be

collaborative," she said about dealing with the effects of poverty.

"We're looking for solutions

"We're looking for solutions within the community. You cannot wait around for help

from government, and that's all levels of government." Tighter federal, provincial

and municipal budgets will simply increase the effects on the health of those in poverty.

A lack of food will make children poorer students as they fall behind.

Inability to buy nutritional food will damage the health of adults increasing their exposure to disease and other health terms

It also affects their ability

to find jobs and keep them. A dentist pointed out people with bad teeth are unlikely to get hired for retail work because their smiles don't look good, she said.

Meanwhile, with plant closings and layoffs in Niagara, "we have more people chasing the same number of jobs." The solutions to dealing

with the effects of poverty "have to come from us," she said.

"We have to find other ways not funded by government."

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Pelham fired up its new audio-video system for Monday's town council meeting.

Voice-activated microphones and a new speaker system made for clearer sound in the council chambers. "The audio component of the new sound system seemed

to work very welf last night," town clerk Nancy Bozzato said Tuesday, "We are very pleased to be able to ensure that interested residents present in the gallery are better able to hear the

deliberations."

The video of council and committee meetings are not ready for the airwaves yet.

"A little tweaking is still needed on the video component of the system," she said. "We hope to upload council

and committee meetings to our website after the May 22 meeting." Council and committee meetings will be uploaded

neerings will be updaded to the town's website, www.
pelham.ca, the day after regular council meetings once the bugs are worked out.

They will be in the same section of the website as agendas and minutes, she said.

PELHAM – Town council

PELHAM – Town council opened Monday's meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Mark Frerotte, the town's manager of public

infrastructure.

He died suddenly at work on April 26 at age 54. He was employed by the town for four years.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said he was instrumental in setting up an in-house fleet technician for vehicle maintenance and repairs, coordinating numerous infrastructure improvements which helped bring safety and security of town assets to current standards. Frerotte was a dedicated volunteer fire fighter in Fort Erie for over 30 years earning rank of District Chief at Fort Erie's

Fire Station No. 1.
Augustyn he was honoured by both the Fort Erie and Pelham fire departments at his funeral with a triple ring of a fire bell for a fallen firefighter.

PARK PARTY PROTEST

Town council received a letter from Lori Kleinsmith requesting better surveillance and deterrent measures to ensure the safety of town playgrounds. A large loud party on Friday April 13 took over the abayeround at Harold Black

Park. The noise led her to call the police. "I went back to the park

"I went back to the park early Saturday morning and was dismayed to find a large amount of broken glass strewn around the playground area there was glass on the benches, bike rack area, on the pathway, grass and even the Astroturf. she wrote. Town staff cleaned up the

rea.

"This total lack of respect for one of our beautiful children's playground is very disturbing." Council received her letter and referred it to its staff for a report.

CANCER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY

PELHAM – Town council walved a booking fee for Pelham's Pathway to the Cure event to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society's Niagara Bench this Saturday.

It will include a five kilometre fund run and a one kilometre around the block walk starting in Pelham Peace Park in Fonthiil. The event will run from 9

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REGION: One French, one English

Region waxes poetic over local poetry

For PelhamNEWS

The winners of the Niagara Region's Poetry Contest were announced last week at a Niagara regional council

By virtue of its designation as a Cultural Capital of Canada for 2012 and in recognition of National Poetry Month, Niagara Region sponsored this contest for Niagara writers.

Entries came from a diverse range of contestants throughout Niagara.

Two winners - one for a poem in French, one in English - were Both poems use rich imagery

to evoke a vision of Niagara that is simultaneously familiar and fresh. The winning poem in English "Layers of Limestone," was submitted by Thorold poet Keith Inman.

Inman is an award-winning, selfdescribed "blue collar poet" whose work has appeared in literary journals across Canada and in Ireland, and in his two books of poetry. Kim Van Stygeren submitted the winning poem in French, entitled "Je

Vis Ici* Van Stygeren has also worked as a sculptor, illustrator, furniture builder, photographer and musician. Niagara

has been her home for 20 years. As winners of the contest, Inman and Van Stygeren each received \$175 and read their poems aloud at

regional council. The poetry contest was one of many exciting events going on in Niagara that celebrate the region's vibrant and artistic creative community during this Cultural Capital of

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Garden City Aquatic Club in the Money

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The Garden City Aquatic Club

(GCAC) recently competed in the Victor Davis Memorial Cup in Guelph. The following are the top results: . Jasmyn Traboulay-Drach, 10 (St.

Catharines)= 18th-200m Back, 10th-100 Breast Mara Di Persio, 11 (Fonthill)=

3rd-100m Free (WOSA Qualifier). 11th-200m Back (WOSA Qualifier). 7th-100m Breast, 3rd-100m Fly (WOSA Qualifier), 2nd-100m Back (WOSA Qualifier), 12th-200m Free (WOSA Qualifier) Bailee Huebert, 13 (St.

Catharines)= 15th-100m Breast 16th-100m Fly, 11th-100m Back, 100% **Rest Times**

. Jasmine Leheta, 13 (Fonthill)= 9th-100m Breast, 11th-200m Breast . Daniel Mateus, 13 (St Catharines)= 12th-50m Free (WOSA Qualifier), 11th-100m Free (WOSA

Qualifier), 6th-100m Breast (WOSA Qualifier), 11th-200m Breast (WOSA Qualifier), 12th-100m Flv The Garden City Aquatic Club (GCAC) earlier competed in the Mortgage Intelligence "Money" Meet

in Waterloo. The following are Garden City's top results:

• 9&Under Girls -Briana Brittain, 9 (St. Catharines)= 4th-50 Fly (WOSA Qualifier), 10th-100m Back, 4th-100m Breast, 9th-50m Free, 9th-50m Back, 9th-100m Free, 4th-50m Breast, 1st-200m IM

· 11 Year old Girls -Mara Di Persio, 11 (Fonthill)= 2nd-100m Back, 5th-50m Free (WOSA Qualifier), 3rd-400m Free (WOSA Qualifier), 3rd-200m Back, 4th-100m Free

· Paula Yablo-Suzuki, 11 (Welland)= 6th-100m Breast

• 12 Year old Boys -Anthonie Korstanie, 12 (Beamsville)= 6th-100m

Back, 8th-100m Breast, 9th-50m Free . 13 Year old Girls - Bailee Huebert. 13 (St. Catharines) = 6th-100m Back, 10th-100m Breast, 6th-200m IM. 6th-200m Back, 7th-50m Free (WOSA Qualifier)

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PELHAM - Slo-pitch teams only have until today to register for this

vear's Jeannette Giammarco Memorial Charity Tournament. Co-ed D and E teams are eligible to participate as are D and E teams

in the men's and women's divisions Online registration for the tournament supporting cancer research is available at http://www.slopitch.info/ tournament/displayfull.php?ip=37. Teams are guaranteed a minimum

of three games in a competition taking place May 18-20 at Harold Black and Fonthill Lions parks in Pelham. This is the seventh annual

tournament honouring the memory of Jeannette Giammarco, an avid slopitch player who was 57 when she died of cancer

All proceeds go to the McMaster Children's Cancer Ward and the oncology department at St

Catharines General Hospital, More than \$10,000 has been raised since the tournament was first played on a weekend coinciding with Mr. Giammarco's birthday

Players are asked to bring a pet food donation that will be turned over to the Welland Humane Society.

PLAV RALLS

WELLAND - Twenty-four high school baseball teams, including teams from E.L. Crossley and Notre Dame, are competing in the third annual New Era Niagara High School Classic which got underway Thursday at three ball parks, including two in In addition to games at Burgar Park

and Welland, action in the three-day tournament takes place at Community Park in St. Catharines. The region is well-represented in

the tournament lineup with 14 teams from Niagara A.N. Myer, Centennial, E.L. Crossley, Lakeshore Catholic, Notre Dame, St. Michael and Saint Paul are the Zone 3

teams taking part with Blessed Trinity. Denis Morris, Eden, Governor Simcoe Grimsby, Sir Winston Churchill and St. Francis the hometown hopefuls from Zone 4. Teams are guaranteed three games, which is boon for local teams. Their

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What good are all these pills, anyway?

s a young man, Arn almost never took any kind of pill for any kind of thing. The only time he ever even considered the possibility was when he was into the fifth or sixth day of a severe cold Even then, he might take a few whatever passed for Dristan tablets in those days and mostly just ride it out. For the flu, he would feel crappy for a day or two and then be back to normal - no pills, no big deal, maybe an Alka-Seltzer to settle

the stomach His mother had to have given him some type of medicine when he got the measles and mumps, like every little kid did back then. but that would have been some (awful tasting) liquid

He remembers the doctor giving him a penicillin shot a couple times as a kid for something, but that's not what



we're talking about We're talking about pills. He broke an ankle when he was seven and the other one

when he was 19 - both of them due to stupidity, and there ain't no pill for that, Can't remember taking an aspirin, then, either - maybe at seven but certainly not at 19, when you're way too macho and way too stupid to take a painkiller for a little thing like a broken

Then, sometime in his 20s, he came dangerously close to taking a pill on a regular basis. It turns out that drinking too much cola and eating whatever you feel like whenever the urge hits you

can lead to a thing called esophagitis - inflammation and irritation of the threat caused by "acid backup." The gawdawful experience that is acid reflux does account for the first of the medicinal pills he now takes regularly "Gaviscon" - good stuff, glad to have you on board, not

even really a pill, just a pressed powder. After about the age of 30. his wife persuaded him that a multi-vitamin once a day was Then, gradually, television

shows and magazine health articles combined to convince him that one vitamin D pill in the winter to top up the multi could only be a good thing; and year-round, maybe a hint of extra potassium, and possibly some bonus calcium, and then that had to be accompanied by some extra

magnesium, and so on. While not an endless list, or an urgent one, it kept slowly growing, more so as he hit the

half century mark. Now we come to the late 50s stage where, if your body has not yet begun to misbehave, it will soon

In Amie's case that was when, taking hockey shots in his back yard, he discovered that his previously nearperfect lower back was no longer near-perfect. Ever since, he's found himself on a steady, if not huge, dose of anti-inflammatories, with the occasional genuine pain pill

thrown in for when the back is in a foul mood These days, we throw in the B12 that his body is no longer producing up to snuff, and the genuine stomach pill be

needs to take because the antiinflammatory pills annoy his sensitive tummy

And, oh yeah, the pee-pills so that he doesn't have to get up six times a night to do that.

It isn't a truly impressive list - lots of folks, especially as they get older than "Old Arn" need to swallow a bit of pride along with a number of different medications for far more vital reasons

As Arnie's mother-in-law once expressed in an act of defiance and frustration, "I'm gonna throw them all out! What do I need all these pills

As Arn replied, rather nonchalantly considering the vigour of her protest; "Well, maybe to keep you alive."

And that's the crux of the question, "What good are all

these pills? Yes, we do live in an overly medicated society. And yes, taking one pill does often mean having to take another to counteract the negative effects of the first, so you end up taking more and more of

But surely we have to accept as a given that, for the most part, the availability of all kinds of pharmaceuticals does help with a lot of whatever it is that ails you, especially as you get

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more likely to wear a nice old fashioned watch with just the two hands on it to tell you the time. You are, in addition, much more likely to have newspapers spread all over the house, ranging from today's backwards into last week's, because you, "Never got a chance to finish the

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